

# Arizona State Board of Massage Therapy

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# **OPEN SESSION MINUTES**

# August 26, 2019

Members of the Arizona State Board of Massage Therapy ("Board") held a meeting at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, July 29, 2019 at the Board's office in Boardroom C, 1740 West Adams Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85007. No executive session was held.

# **BOARD MEMBERS:**

Victoria Bowmann, LMT	Board Chair and Therapist Member
Mlee Clark, LMT	Board Vice-Chair Therapist Member
John Ortega	Public Member
Vacant	Public Member
Vacant	Therapist Member
STAFF AND ASSISTANT ATTORNEY(S) GENERAL PRESENT:	
Tom Augherton	Executive Director
Michael Raine, Esq	Assistant Attorney General
Sabrina Kahn, Esq	Assistant Attorney General
Marc Harris, Esq	Assistant Attorney General, Independent Legal Advisor
Andrew White	Senior Board Investigator
Tony Wilcox	Licensing & Operations Specialist
Kathy Rich	Licensing Specialist
Charlotte Muhammad	Licensing Specialist

#### **OPEN SESSION**

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chair Bowmann. The following order of business was then considered:

# **ROLL CALL**

Roll call of the Board members was taken and a quorum was established.

# **ELECTION OF BOARD CHAIR, OFFICERS**

A motion was made by Board Member Mlee Clark, seconded by Board Member John Ortega, to nominate Board Member Victoria Bowmann as Board Chair. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Board Member Victoria Bowmann, seconded by Board Member John Ortega, to appoint Board Member Mlee Clark as Board Vice Chair. The motion passed unanimously.

# CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No one from the public wished to address the Board.

#### DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No new conflicts were declared.

# REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON BOARD MEETING MINUTES

- A. Discussion and approval of the Massage Board Open Minutes from the July 29, 2019 Special Session meeting.
- B. Discussion and approval of the Massage Board Open Minutes from the July 29, 2019 Regular Session Meeting.

A motion was made by Board Member Mlee Clark, seconded by Board Member Ortega and passed unanimously to approve the Special Session minutes and the Open Session minutes from the July 29, 2019 meetings.

# **CONSENT CALENDAR**

- A. Letters of Appreciation to former Board Chair Earl Duskey and former Public Board Member Bill Beard, from the Arizona Massage Board.
- **B.** Letters of Appreciation to Assistant Attorney General Michael Raine and former Licensing/Program Specialist April Romero from Arizona Massage Board.

A motion was made by Board Member Mlee Clark, seconded by Board Member John Ortega, and passed unanimously to approve the consent calendar.

# ITEMS FOR BOARD REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

# **A.** Formal Hearings

(1) Case# 19-145; Kamae, Christopher

Kamae was not present.

Michael Raine, Esq. filed motion to deem Mr. Kamae.

Suspension for 1 year, \$250 fine, Current CE's, plus additional 8hrs Ethics

Probation run current with courts supervised probation on Kamae 3 year Felony

Feb 6, 2019 for 3 years thru Feb 6, 2022

A motion was made by Board Member Victoria Bowman, seconded by Board Member Mlee Clark.

Roll Call Vote:

Mlee Clark, yes

John Ortega, yes

Victoria Bowman, yes

Motion passed unanimously.

# (2) Case# 19-0163, Houseal, Gabriel

Complainant DS present

A motion was made by Board Member Mlee Clark, seconded by Board Member John Ortega.

Suspension for 6 months.

\$200.00 Fine

Return to be released from Suspension

Roll Call Vote:

Mlee Clark, yes

John Ortega, yes

Victoria Bowman, yes

Motion passed unanimously.

#### **B.** Formal Interviews

# (1) Case# 19-149; Johnston, Suzanne

**Dismiss** 

A motion was made by Board Member Mlee Clark, seconded by Board Member Victoria Bowman.

Motion passes with one abstain.

# (2) Case# 19-173; Calmese, Juvall

Complainant NA present by phone

Move to Formal hearing.

A motion was made by Board Member Victoria Bowman, seconded by Board Member Mlee Clark.

# (3) Case# 19-166; DeGrandis, James

Atty. Robert Chelle Representing DeGrandis

Non Disciplinary order for continuing education of

16hrs in draping, communication and ethics completed in person in 6 months In addition to regular required hours.

A motion was made by Board Member Mlee Clark, seconded by Board Member Victoria Bowman.

Motion passes with one abstain.

# **C.** Investigative Review File(s)

# (1) Case# 20-110; Harris, Ronnie

Move to Formal Interview.

A motion was made by Board Member Mlee Clark, seconded by Board Member Victoria Bowman.

Motion passes.

# (2) Case# 20-109; Cranford, Steven

Incarcerated from 7/11/2019 for 9 months thru April 2020

Continue investigation.

Note in file if he attempts to renew, it needs to be brought back to the board.

A motion was made by Board Member Mlee Clark, seconded by Board Member Victoria Bowman.

Motion passes.

# (3) Case#20-100; Liu, Jin

AA Chinese Massage 5950 E Speedway Blvd.

Tucson Police Department Arrested for Prostitution

Case M-1041CM19021388 case set for movement on June 6, 2019

Offer consent agreement. If not accepted, then go to Formal hearing.

A motion was made by Board Member Victoria Bowman, seconded by Board Member Mlee Clark.

Roll Call Vote:

Mlee Clark, yes

John Ortega, yes

Victoria Bowman, yes

Motion passed unanimously.

# **D.** Application Review

# (2) Chen, Hong Yan

HongYan Chen present by phone

Chairman Bowman asked if took MBLEX or NCBTMB

Took MBLEX in CA.

Applicant requested TX on June 21<sup>st</sup> sent verification to TX to confirm her TX license be sent to AZ massage board.

Table this until we get confirmation from TX.

# (1) Liu, Xiao

Obtain complete police / court records, and speak with applicant at next board meeting. A motion was made by Board Member Victoria Bowman, seconded by Board Member John Ortega.

Motion passed unanimously.

# **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

The Board reviewed the budget and agency operations with Tom Augherton.

#### SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

None were discussed.

# DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS FOR FUTRUE MEETING AGENDAS

# **NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE**

Monday, October 28, 2019 beginning at 9:30 a.m.

# **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Victoria Bowmann, seconded by Mlee Clark and passed unanimously to adjourn at 12:33 p.m.

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